

IN THE CLAIMS

Please revise the claims as follows:

Withdraw Claims 1 - 7 without prejudice to the reentry of the same subject matter at any later time.

Please enter the following new claims:

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8. A method of lining a lateral pipe leading into a main pipe, wherein a resin impregnated lining is inserted into the lateral pipe from inside the main pipe using a fluid medium under pressure, and wherein a seal arrangement forms a seal at the location where the lateral meets the main pipe as curing of the resin takes place, and wherein the fluid medium is supplied to insert the lateral lining by means of a pressure pipe, and at least one additional pressure pipe extends past the seal arrangement so that pressure fluid can be applied to another lateral lining remote from the first mentioned lateral lining while curing of the first mentioned lateral lining is taking place.

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9. The method according to Claim 8, wherein said seal is formed by an inflatable means, said inflatable means being inflated by the fluid medium used for inserting the lateral lining, but at a lower pressure.

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10. The method according to Claim 8, wherein the lateral lining is everted into the lateral through an elbow pipe and the seal arrangement is exterior of the elbow pipe.

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~~11.~~ The method according to Claim ~~8~~², wherein the lateral lining is everted into the lateral through an elbow pipe and the seal arrangement is exterior of the elbow pipe.

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~~12.~~ The method according to Claim ~~9~~², wherein the inflatable means comprises a bag or bladder which is inflated against the main pipe.

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~~13.~~ A method according to Claim ~~9~~² wherein said inflatable means comprises a pair of spaced diametrically opposed inflatable pillows.

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~~14.~~ A method according to Claim ~~9~~¹, wherein the lining tube is provided with a collar which is applied to the location at which the lateral meets the main pipe, and the lining is of finite length and is open ended.

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~~15.~~ Apparatus for inserting a resin impregnated lining into a lateral pipe which leads to a main pipe comprising an elbow pipe by which the lining is inverted into the lateral pipe from inside the main pipe using fluid medium under pressure into the lateral from the main pipe, said elbow pipe having connected thereto an inflatable sealing arrangement whereby the elbow may be locked in position in the main pipe by means of said fluid medium, and so that a pressure pipe may extend along the main pipe past the sealing arrangement so that a further lining may be inserted into

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a further lateral while the sealing arrangement holds the elbow in position in the main pipe and the resin impregnated first mentioned lining cures.

REMARKS

The specification has been revised as suggested by the Examiner. The claims have been rewritten so as to set forth Applicant's invention with greater clarity and preciseness. New Claims 8 - 15 are believed to comply with 35 USC 112.

The claims now clearly recite the fact that the insertion of the lining is from inside the main pipe. This clearly distinguishes from European Patent 0241719 (a patent of Applicant). In the European Patent the lining is inserted from the service end of the lateral or the ground level end and not from inside the pipe. The elbow which is referred to in the Office Action is in fact the water trap in the lateral pipe adjacent the service end. The apparatus disclosed in the European Patent does not actually involve an elbow, but instead adopts a holder as is clearly shown in Figure 15 where the leading end of the lining is folded over onto a holding device which holds it in the tuck position so that it can be forced past the elbow in the service pipe. This is clearly quite different from the apparatus and method of the present invention. Figure 1 of the present application makes it clear that the apparatus moves along the inside of the main pipe, and this feature is now clearly set forth in the claims.

The PCT Application which the Office Action relies upon as a